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News Briefs

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GADSDEN, Ala. — A father apparently upset over marital problems killed his three children and hanged himself early Saturday in rural northeastern Alabama authorities said. William Eric Krost, 36, was found dead by his wife, Wendy, at about 7:30 a.m. after she returned home from a night out with friends, Etowah County Sheriff James Hayes said. Investigators found the couple's children -- Brandon, 10, Ashley, 8, and Katherine, 4 -- dead in their beds, he said. The mother told police she had thought they were only sleeping. The couple was having marital problems and had been discussing divorce, Hayes said.

ATLANTA — A man suspected in the killings of at least five women was returned to Louisiana on Wednesday, a day after he was arrested in Atlanta. Derrick Todd Lee, 34, was taken into custody following a tip to the FBI. The serial killings unnerved Louisiana women and triggered a 10-month DNA dragnet in which police took cheek scrapings and swabbings from more than 1,000 men.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The commander of coalition ground forces in Iraq said Thursday that continuing attacks on U.S. forces were orchestrated by Ba'ath Party groups loyal to ousted dictator Saddam Hussein and warned, "The war has not ended." Army Lt. Gen. David McKiernan's comments came after a U.S. soldier was killed by a rocket-propelled grenade while traveling in supply convoy north of Baghdad — the ninth American service member killed this week in Iraq.

MURPHY, N.C. — Eric Rudolph, the longtime fugitive charged in the 1996 Olympic Park bombing and in attacks at an abortion clinic and a gay nightclub, was arrested early Saturday in the mountains of North Carolina. Rudolph had been on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list and had eluded a massive manhunt for five years, much of it in the western North Carolina mountains near where he was caught Saturday.

MODESTO, California — A California district attorney said he will file a motion to withdraw its opposition to unseal the autopsy reports of Laci Peterson and her unborn child. The office of Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton issued a statement after news reports cited a coroner's report that said the unborn child had one-and-a-half loops of plastic tape around his neck and a cut on his body.

PALESTINE, West Virginia — The parents of former POW Pfc. Jessica Lynch said Thursday they were "really not supposed to talk about" the details of their daughter's capture in Iraq and her rescue by American commandos, and would not comment on media reports that indicated the rescue may have been unnecessarily dramatic.

CLINTON, Ill. — Tornadoes cut across central Illinois for the second time in a week, destroying about 15 homes and damaging dozens of others, state and county emergency officials said. Some injuries from broken glass and debris were reported in DeWitt County which received the brunt of the damage Friday evening — but none appeared to be life-threatening.

WASHINGTON — Microsoft Corp. withdrew a security improvement for its flagship Windows XP software after it crippled Internet connections for some of the 600,000 users who installed it. Microsoft officials said the update — which had been available as an option since Friday on its "Windows Update" Web site — apparently was incompatible with popular security software from other companies, such as Symantec Corp.

WASHINGTON — President Bush said the \$15 billion global AIDS bill he signed on Tuesday is the "moral duty" of the United States to act against a disease that has killed more than 20 million people worldwide.

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi authorities said Wednesday they have arrested more militants believed to have had a role in the Riyadh bombings. One Saudi source said five men were arrested Tuesday, and one is thought to be the mastermind behind the suicide strikes that left 34 dead, including eight Americans.

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is making changes in the way the U.S. military searches for Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. An Army general has been named to lead the new effort. Maj. Gen. Keith Dayton will head the Iraq Survey Group. He leaves Monday for his new assignment in Baghdad. He says he remains optimistic the weapons will be found. And he still believes U.S. intelligence reports about the existence of the weapons are credible. Dayton says searchers no longer will investigate all the suspected weapons sites. Instead, he says the group will look for more information and evidence, then search only the sites where evidence suggests weapons are hidden.

Task Force News



Spc. Jeffrey Scott and Pfc. Robert Wike, C. Co., 588th Engineers, guard the entrance to the Rasheed Bank in Khalis, Iraq.



Residents of Khalis line the street waiting for their chance to enter the bank, while members of C. Co., 588th Engineers keep watch.

by Staff Sgt .Craig Pickett

KHALIS, Iraq—On a street lined with sewage and trash, over 80 people waited in line for the Rasheed Bank in Khalis to open. They had arrived well before the doors were to open at 8 a.m.

The early morning air was thick and motionless, filled with the acrid smell of diesel fumes from passing trucks, cigarette smoke and sewage baking in the sun. Outside the bank door the men formed an orderly line headed down one side of the block, while the women clustered together on the other side.

Two armored personnel carriers and soldiers from 1st Platoon, Charlie Co., 588th Engineer Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, stood guard out front, keeping a watchful eye on the bank and the crowd.

“We’re here to provide security for the bank,” said 2nd Lt. Andrew Adams, 1st Platoon Leader. “Often times, though, it turns into crowd control.”

With long lines and hot temperatures, the crowd, can be unruly. Most soldiers agreed the hardest part of their job was keeping the women under control.

“Just a few days ago, I got slapped twice by a woman,” said Pvt. Pedro Delarosa, a combat engineer who just graduated basic and advanced individual training in March. He was attempting to control the pushing crowd of women when it happened. He said there’s nothing you can do about it but go on.

“I let most of it go,” said Spc. Jeffery Scott, who usually deals with the side of the door with the black veiled women. “I’ll talk to my buddy, or if I need a break, I’ll go in the track and drink some water.”

On this day, Scott and his fellow engineers had an easier time. “Once the women that were pushing got inside, the others started listening to us and formed two lines with space down the middle,” said Scott.

Scott said when they first got to Khalis it was a mess. So, whatever approach the soldiers are taking, whether they’re just letting things go or being forceful and authoritative, it’s working.

“It went really well today,” said Adams. “We caught on to the bank officials letting their friends in. That’s why the line wouldn’t move and people would get angry,” he said.

Most people are trying to withdraw money from their accounts, explained Adams. The banks have been closed for months and people were running out of money to live on. Now that it is open, everyone is trying to get money out.

In the past, bank officials only let in their friends, the wealthy, or friends of the regime. Adams said they are trying to be diplomatic about the process by making it first come, first served. This task is made more difficult by the fact the bank is only open for four hours a day.

It may be a while before the streets are free of sewage and trash, but the people of Khalis now have access to their money. Charlie Co., 588th Engineer Battalion is playing a small role in a bigger picture that will lead to the stabilization of Iraq.

Task Force News



by Pfc Jason Phillips

AL-FALLUJAH, Iraq--The city of Al-Fallujah, Iraq was on the brink of chaos in the last week of April. As the 82nd Airborne Division withdrew from the city, anti-American riots erupted in the streets. Several civilians were shot and seven U.S. soldiers were wounded when a grenade was thrown into their compound by hostile forces.

Lt. Gen William Wallace, commanding general, V Corps, responded by assembling a task force and sending it to Al-Fallujah to end the violence. Within two weeks, Task Force Gauntlet had not only ended the violence, but restored order and stability in the city.

Lt. Col. David Poirier, commander, 720th Military Police Battalion (MP), was in charge of the task force.

Task Force Gauntlet included two cavalry troops from the 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment; one company from the 1st Armored Division (C-2/6 Infantry); the 411th MP Company; as well as civil affairs, psychological operations (PsyOps) and counter intelligence teams.

Al-Fallujah, located about 20 miles west of Baghdad, has approximately 200,000 residents. It had a bustling weapons market and was littered with unexploded ordinance, including grenades, land mines and missiles. Citizens were becoming increasingly frustrated with propane, electricity and fuel shortages. In addition, several former prominent Ba'ath party members lived in the city and intelligence sources indicated they were planning attacks on U.S. forces.

Poirier said the task force had three main goals: "To stop the violence by taking weapons off the street and out of bad people's hands; to make the existing police force in Al-Fallujah a more credible and viable force to enforce law and order in the city; and to identify and arrest former Ba'ath party members who were major operators under the Saddam Hussein regime," he said.

The task force accomplished its goals by using a full range of forces, according to Poirier. Soldiers from PsyOps, civil affairs, counter-intelligence and the MPs were able to gather accurate information about the location of weapons markets and homes of Ba'ath party members in the city.

Once the information was gathered and objectives determined, military police, infantry and armored cavalry soldiers conducted raids without a single U.S. or civilian casualty. They confiscated hundreds of weapons, ammunition, and arrested eleven prominent Ba'ath party members.

Soldiers also conducted daily patrols throughout the city and manned key checkpoints where they confiscated additional weapons and ammunition. Poirier and other task force leaders worked with the local mayor, as well as tribal and religious leaders, to address their concerns about restoring city services, government, and security. MPs also conducted joint patrols with local police to build the citizens' confidence in their own police force.

PsyOps soldiers walked the streets and greeted citizens, while distributing pamphlets with coalition messages and warnings about unexploded ordinance. Poirier said that communication, with political and religious leaders, as well as with ordinary citizens, played a key part in Task Force Gauntlet's success.

"Our soldiers were out there every day explaining to people why we were in Al-Fallujah, that we were there to create a safe and secure environment for the city, and the residents welcomed that," he said.

Task Force Gauntlet's combination of combat elements also contributed to its success, said Maj. Paul Green, operations OIC, 3rd ACR and Task Force Gauntlet. Green said the MPs' fighting agility and information gathering abilities, plus the firepower of the M1 Abrams tanks, Bradley fighting vehicles and dismounted infantry troops, teamed with the communication abilities of the PsyOps, civil affairs and counter intelligence teams was very effective.

Task Force Gauntlet not only accomplished its primary mission, but also earned the confidence and trust of Al-Fallujah's citizens. "When we first arrived here, nobody waved at us or smiled," said Poirier. "People in Al-Fallujah were furious that U.S. soldiers occupied their city, but today everyone waves and gives us the thumbs up sign."

On May 17, Task Force Gauntlet left Al-Fallujah and became attached to the 4th Infantry Division in Tikrit. Poirier said before he left, the mayor and several local leaders thanked the task force for bringing the city together.

Task Force News

by Spc Vernon O'Donnell

TIRKIT, IRAQ – After nearly two months of no government and lawlessness in Central Iraq the local police returned to work on May 10 in Tikrit.

The police will be working hand-in-hand with military police (MP) from Task Force Ironhorse to stabilize the Tikrit region. The MPs will perform roving checks while the Iraqis man certain key checkpoints throughout Tikrit.

The Iraqis determined the locations of these checks to best improve the safety of civilians in the area.

"We make sure we are seen by the public with the Iraqi police at the checkpoints," said Sgt. Shane T. Parker, a team leader with the 401st MP Co, from Fort Hood, Texas. "We want the people to see that they are a real police force and that we are working with them in building a government."

The local police have also been given authorization to resume carrying firearms, both small side-arms and one AK-47 per officer. The leaders of Task Force Ironhorse made the decision to let the police carry the automatic weapons after determining it would not decrease safety.

"The number one concern in negotiating this settlement was the need for security," said Maj. Kathleen G. Perry, the Civil Defense Team Chief, 418th Civil Affairs Battalion from Belton, Mo. "We felt that the local police were needed in helping to supply security for their own people."

Although the police returned to work May 10 there were still wrinkles to be ironed out among the soldiers and local force.

"The biggest problem we are having is with the language barrier," said Sgt. Mark Perez, a team leader with the 401st MP Co. "The coordination between us and them is hard because of the lack of understanding."

Although these language barriers and the lack of translators can cause coordination problems between the two partners, the MPs believe the patrols will begin to run more smoothly with time and increased contact between American troops and Iraqi police.

"This is an ongoing process that will continue for the foreseeable future," said Perry. "Our MPs are working out of their police station and everyday they learn a little more on how to work together."

The lack of a police presence for the last two months and the previous connection between the old regime and the law enforcement initially caused distrust between the locals and the law. The show of support by the U.S. troops, coupled with the waiver all police had to sign renouncing affiliation with the Ba'ath Party, is meant to return the people's faith in the police.

"You can already tell a difference in the way people listen to the traffic police since we started coming around," said Perez, who is also attempting to teach the Iraqis rudimentary Spanish. "Before the people here were completely disobeying traffic laws and the disrespecting the traffic police. Now you can see that they are stopping at red lights and listening to police."

The Iraqi traffic police don't carry weapons and the soldiers only make brief stops to check on operations. Every effort is being made to break the old association between obedience based on fear of guns or violent repercussions enacted by the police.

The return of local police to work is a major step in the rebuilding of Iraq and will help the newly freed nation become safer and more stable in the near future.



Sgt Mark Perez, team leader, 401st Military Police Co., talks with a local traffic police officer, as Sgt Angel Cedeno keeps an eye on traffic



Maj. Kathleen Perry, 418th Civil Affairs Bn, watches as Tikrit's chief of police signs a form renouncing membership with the Ba'ath Party.



Sgt Mark Perez and Sgt Angel Cedeno, 401st MP Co., talk with a local ranking police officer on the street in Tikrit.

Support News

by Sgt. Ryan Sills

TIKRIT, Iraq – Despite pre-deployment records checks and screenings, some soldiers may find problems when they look at their monthly Leave and Earning Statement, or LES. The 230th Finance Battalion from Fort Carson, Colo. is here in Tikrit to process finance transactions and ensure soldiers' pay is correct.

"We're a full service finance office," said Capt. Sherrie L. Hancock, detachment commander. As a full customer service finance office, the 230th can do a myriad of transactions. Hancock says sometimes soldiers are not sure of their entitlements.

All soldiers deployed in Iraq should be receiving Hostile Fire/Imminent Danger Pay (HFP), which amounts to \$225 monthly. They should also get Save Pay, which is \$100 per month, but is based on a daily rate. If a soldier only does a partial month in theatre, he or she will be paid Save Pay for actual number of days in theatre that month. Soldiers should also receive the Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE), which exempts them from paying federal taxes.

In addition to these entitlements, soldiers with primary dependants collect Family Separation Hardship Pay at a rate of \$250 per month. For active duty soldiers, this entitlement doesn't begin until 31 days after separation from the family member and DD form 1561 must be properly filled out and filed with finance.

Although getting these entitlements is the primary concern of most soldiers, there are other services the battalion offers. Casual pay is a popular service which allows soldiers to take out up to \$100 in cash once per calendar month for personal use. A similar alternative offered is check cashing.

In addition to supplying cash to soldiers, the finance battalion can fix active duty pay problems. According to Hancock it is easiest to help those soldiers who come prepared with the proper paperwork. Soldiers can find most of the forms they need to correct pay problems at their unit's personnel office. Since deployed soldiers may have their personal records in storage, websites can be used to access their OMPF (Official Military Personnel File). Regular Army soldiers can access www.EREC.army.mil and use AKO information to check out their documents. Reserve and National Guard soldiers can log on to www.2xcitizen.army.mil or use the Army Reserve website.

All soldiers are also entitled to a \$3.50 per day per diem while OCONUS, and receive \$2.00 daily in CONUS under deployment orders. Soldiers should also remember to fill out a travel voucher (DD Form 1351-2) when they return to home station to receive this incidental payment, Hancock says.

Despite the fact that the 230th is a full service finance center, it cannot code reserve pay transactions and submit them online. However, reservists may submit their information to the 230th, which, will then forward the documents to Kuwait where corrections can be made.

The customer service section of finance is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m., and is located on Nolanville Loop. The best way for soldiers to keep their finances accurate is by reading their LES each month. If changes are required, the 230th is here to help pay the soldiers correctly.

230th Finance Hours

(Camp Ironhorse)

Open Daily 9:00–Noon & 1:00–6:00 p.m.

Max. payment of \$100.00/month
for casual pay or checks

449th Mail Room Hours

Monday–Friday, 0900–1200 & 3:00–6:00 p.m.

Saturday– 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Sundays– 9:00 to Noon.

The 449th is located next to the
HHC, 4th ID warehouse

By Spc. Joseph Norton

CAMP IRONHORSE, TIKRIT, Iraq – Ironhorse Division soldiers no longer have the luxuries available in Texas, but what few comforts are here, usually require power. Generators power the equipment, so soldiers need to know how to maintain their supply of electricity.

According to Staff Sgt. Joey Olson of the 704th Division Support Battalion, the two most important steps to maintaining your generator are to change the oil and make sure the air filters are cleaned out.

"The dust out here is real fine, so a lot times you can blow it out with an air hose. It is also a good idea to pour water on it and let it dry. This will clean it a lot better."

Olson also said it is imperative to change the oil approximately every 100 hours of operation. So, if you run your generator 10 or 12 hours a week, the oil should be changed about every couple of weeks.

Sgt. Michael Boge, the 4th I.D. Motor Pool Generator non-commissioned officer in charge, said until new oil and air filters come in through supply channels there are steps you can take to keep generators running. He said to check the water and oil levels, and blow out the fins on the radiators.

Another problem Olson has come across is with the master switches on both the five- and 10- Kilowatt generators. Olson said the master switches have been breaking off when people twist them too hard. This happens because the switches are plastic and the extreme heat here melts them. He advises using care when twisting the switches.

Olson also cautioned against letting the generators run out of fuel. This will cause the electric fuel pump to burn up, and replacement parts are difficult to obtain.

Unit Spot Light



Pfc Darren Holoman, 2/8 Inf., zip ties the hands of a man apprehended at a checkpoint in Ba'qubah.



Pfc Darren Holoman, 2/8 Inf., escorts a man who held contraband items.



A squad from 2/8 Inf. enters an empty soccer stadium suspected of housing an illegal arms dealer.

Staff Sgt Stephen Williams, 3rd Squad Ldr, 2/8 Inf., gives directions to his squad while on foot patrol.

2/8 Infantry Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team

By Spc. Vernon O'Donnell

BA'QUBAH, IRAQ – The sun rises over the horizon, casting long shadows from the group of soldiers bounding from the back of a vehicle. The group readies itself outside near a thick stone wall before rapidly entering the courtyard.

The 2/8 Infantry Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, is helping to make the town of Ba'qubah, Iraq, safer for soldiers and civilians. This is being done through a variety of missions, such as this early morning raid on an illegal arms dealer.

"We perform raids, set up check points, pull security and also guard duty," said squad leader Staff Sgt. Stephen Williams.

All of these tasks are necessary in order to restore order to Iraq after the removal of Saddam Hussein and his regime from power. Improvements are readily apparent in cities where the soldiers have begun safety patrols.

In Tikrit, both regular and traffic police returned to work on May 10. Military police from Task Force Ironhorse worked with Iraqi police to help set up key check points throughout Tikrit.

"You can already tell a difference in the way people listen to the traffic police since we started coming around," said Sgt. Mark Perez, a team leader, 401st MP Company. "Before the people here were completely disobeying traffic laws and the disrespecting the police. Now you can see that they are stopping at red lights and listening to police," he said.

The same process of stabilization is under way in Ba'qubah, which is approximately 30 miles northeast of Baghdad, with the 2/8 Infantry leading the way.

"There were a lot of problems when we first got here with the civilians, but it has definitely gotten better" said Pvt. Cale Bryant, an infantryman who joined the battalion just 2 months ago. "I think it's a good thing that we are here."

The mission is not without challenges for the soldiers. Mosquitoes and sand fleas infest this area of Iraq and temperatures push up over 100° everyday. The gear the soldiers wear daily easily weighs over 50 pounds, yet the infantrymen still maintain high performance levels despite the harsh living and working conditions.

"We are making Iraq a safer place for the people here and making sure there is going to be a better government," said Bryant. "This will improve the lives of the Iraqi people."

Aid Station

Sick Call 7:00-10:00 a.m.

Dental 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Emergency Care Available 24/7

Note: Don't let your prescription run out! Contact a PA at the Aid Station 2-3 weeks **before** you need a refill.

Emergency refills are available though the 21st Combat Support Hospital. Talk to your health care provider for details.

4th ID Band Performances

Monday
5:45-6:30 p.m.

Jazz Combo

Soldiers' Inn Lobby

Wednesday
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Brass Quintet

@ Soldiers' Inn Lobby

Friday
6:30-7:45 p.m.

Variety

@ Chapel/Movie Area

Religious Services

Sunday

Protestant- 10:00 a.m.

LDS- Noon

Gospel- 2 p.m.

Catholic- 4 p.m.

Friday

Jewish- 7:30 p.m.

Muslim 12:25 p.m.

Wednesday

Prayer & Praise

6:30 p.m.

Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

HOCKEY--Patrick Roy has won more games than any goalie in NHL history. Apparently, 551 is enough. Roy, 37, has decided to retire after 18 seasons, two media outlets are reporting. The Avalanche have called a news conference for Wednesday to "make a special announcement regarding (Roy's) hockey career."

BASKETBALL— **Goal to go** Even without star Dirk Nowitzki the past two games, the Mavericks have managed to play their way to Game 6 of the NBA Western finals. While Nowitzki's status remains uncertain for tonight, SI.com's Marty Burns says the Spurs are confident -- despite their Game 5 collapse -- and look to the end of the series on the Mavericks' turf.

BASEBALL--Derek Lowe pitched a complete game four-hitter and Nomar Garciaparra extended his hitting streak to a major league-leading 23 games in the Boston Red Sox's 9-2 rout of the Cleveland Indians in the American League Friday.

HORSE RACING— Even though rains in the northeast have scrambled the training schedules of many of the hopefuls for the June 7 Belmont Stakes, Kentucky Derby and Preakness champ Funny Cide managed to work over a muddy Belmont oval on Wednesday morning, posting a time of 59.43 for the five-furlong move. More storms are forecast for the New York area this weekend. But in sunny California, Illinois Derby winner Ten Most Wanted has experienced nothing but smooth sailing, according to trainer Wally Dollase.

AUTO RACING--Jimmie Johnson made it 2-for-2 at Lowe's Motor Speedway, winning the Coca-Cola 600 when NASCAR declared the race over after 276 laps Sunday night because of rain.

GOLF--Annika Sorenstam returned to the LPGA Tour in style Friday, breaking her own course record with a 10-under-par 62 at the Kellogg-Keebler Classic.

FOOTBALL--The 2003 NFL draft is over so it's time to hand out grades. Len Pasquarelli gave Baltimore, which traded to get quarterback Kyle Boller an "A-plus" during his reviews and grades for the AFC and NFC teams. Meanwhile, John Clayton made notice of certain teams failing to address needs in his 10 draft observations.



2003 NFL DRAFT FIRST-ROUND PICKS

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| 1. Cincinnati-Carson Palmer | 2. Detroit-Charles Roger |
| 3. Houston-Andre Johnson | 4. New York-Dewayne Robertson |
| 5. Dallas-Terence Newman | 6. New Orleans-Johnathan Sullivan |
| 7. Jacksonville-Bryon Leftwich | 8. Carolina-Jordan Gross |
| 9. Minnesota-Kevin Williams | 10. Baltimore-Terrell Suggs |

Soldiers' Inn Movies

Shows Begin at 8:00 p.m.

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| 2 Jun | Office Space |
| 3 Jun | 8-Mile |
| 4 Jun | Band of Brothers 1 & 2 |
| 5 Jun | Band of Brothers 2 & 3 |
| 6 Jun | Band of Brothers 3 & 4 |
| 7 Jun | Band of Brothers 5 & 6 |
| 8 Jun | Band of Brothers 7 & 8 |
| 9 Jun | Band of Brothers 9 & 10 |
| 10 Jun | Sweet Home Alabama |
| 11 Jun | Spider Man |
| 12 Jun | Two Weeks Notice |

NOTE: If plastic bags are not available, soldiers may accept weapons as long as they are disassembled before being turned in.

SOLDIER CARD

IRAQI WEAPONS POLICY-CONTROLLING WEAPONS IN IRAQ

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Iraqi Weapons Turn-In Policy

Amnesty period: 1 – 14 June 2003

WEAPONS FOR TURN-IN:

- All Heavy Weapons
- All automatic weapons larger than 7.62mm
- Coalition forces will operate Weapons Collection Points (WCP):

- Daylight hours from 0700-1800L.
- Issue clear plastic bags to citizens
- Collect turned in weapons

Actions the citizens will accomplish:

- Come to WCP to receive clear bag
- Place unloaded, disassembled weapon in clear bag
- Transport all weapons unloaded and disassembled
- Walk slowly when approaching WCP
- Weapons too large to carry: Contact WCP with location and description

The Intent of IZ Weapons Prohibitions is to reduce the threat posed by heavy weapons and small arms carried in public. The intent is not to completely disarm the IZ population of all weapons.

Key Rules

Heavy Weapons are banned. Heavy Weapons include weapons firing ammunition larger than 7.62mm, machine guns, RPGs, Anti-Aircraft Weapons, Indirect fire weapons (mortars), hand grenades and mines. Only authorized Police, Security and Groups assisting Coalition Forces under Coalition supervision and only while in uniform may possess them.

Heavy Weapons possessed by unauthorized persons may be seized.

Nothing in the weapons turn in program changes your ROE

Small Arms may be kept in homes and businesses. Small Arms include rifles firing ammunition up to 7.62mm (AK-47), semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, and pistols.

1 weapon per household or business.

Ordinary citizens may not have Small Arms in public places. Only authorized uniformed Police, Security, Security Details for Key Leaders and Groups assisting Coalition Forces under Coalition supervision while in uniform and others with Temporary Weapons Authorization Cards may carry Small Arms in public places.

Except duly authorized police and security. **NO CONCEALED** Weapons are authorized. No one under 18 may possess weapons.

Arms Markets are outlawed. Weapons found for sale in public arms markets are subject to seizure.

Temporary Weapons Authorization Cards (TWC)

Those people who have a need to be armed may apply for a TWC.

Brigade Commanders responsible for the area where the person resides or works are the authority for the TWC. Check with your chain of command to find out where TWCs are issued. When asked about obtaining a TWC inform the requestor that they must have a need to request the TWC and be prepared to present a photo ID at the time they make the application. Persons authorized to carry small arms must have their TWC while armed when not in uniform.

Firing of weapons inside city limits is banned. Persons should not engage in celebratory gun fire.

Persons violating these rules can be arrested, detained and the weapons seized.

Parting Shots



Maj Myron Reineke, Chief, G-3 Tng, TF Ironhorse, examines a gold bar as Cpt. Sean Fitzgerald, G-3 Ops, 173 AB looks on. About 1,000 bars weighing 20-30 pounds each were found on board a truck seized at a checkpoint on May 23. The bars could be worth \$300 million dollars—if they are gold.



Soldiers from 14th Combat Engineer Bn. completed work on a 500 meter, two-way bypass on the southern side of Buffalo Soldier Bridge causeway north of Bayji, Iraq. The project gives the military and local civilians a safe means of crossing the Tigris River.